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(54) **Method for block prediction of a bi-predictive picture in direct mode**

(57)   A method of predicting a block of a bi-predictive picture to be coded or decoded in direct mode is disclosed, the method comprising: a first step for calculating forward (MV_f) and backward (MV_b) motion vectors for the block ion the bi-predictive picture (B_5); a second step for obtaining a forward motion-compensated block (B_f) using the forward motion vector (MV_f) and a forward reference picture (P_1), and obtaining a backward motion-compen- sated block (B_b) using the backward motion vector (MV_b) and a backward reference picture (P_7); and a third step for predicting the block (B_c'), wherein a first weight factor is applied to the forward motion-compensated block (B_f), and a second weight factor is applied to the backward motion-compensated block (B_b), wherein the first and second weight factors are based on respective temporal distances (TR_B, TR_D).

FIG. 2

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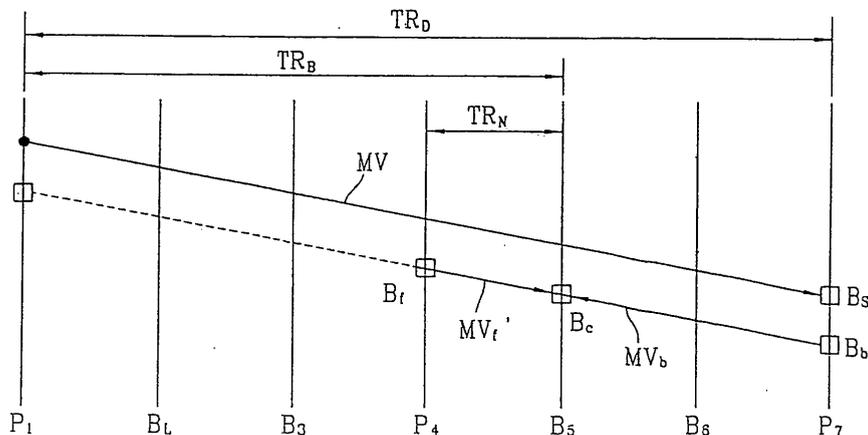
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